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SUBJECT: PROPOSED STAG - DIANE WAKOSKI

1. DEPT CONSIDERING SHORT TERM AMERICAN GRANT FOR DIANE WAKOSKI, POET-IN-RESIDENCE, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY IN EAST LANSING. WE UNDERSTAND EMBASSY IN BUCHAREST HOPES PROGRAM HER AS GUEST OF WRITERS' UNION IN OCTOBER 1975. PRIOR THIS PERIOD, WAKOSKI WOULD BE AVAILABLE OTHER POSTS.

2. BIODATA FOLLOWS: BORN 8/3/37, WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, BA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY; WON ROBERT FROST

FELLOWSHIP IN POETRY FROM BREAD LOAF WRITERS CONFERENCE, 1966; RECEIVED CASSANDRA FOUNDATION GRANT IN 1970, NEW YORK STATE CULTURAL COUNCIL GRANT IN 1971, GUGGENHEIM  
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FOUNDATION GRANT IN 1972, AND A NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR

THE ARTS GRANT IN 1973. HAS HELD POET-IN-RESIDENCE POSITIONS AT LAKE FOREST, MACALESTER COLLEGE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IN IRVINE, IN ADDITION TO BEING A TEACHER AT THE NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESERACH IN NEW YORK.

2. MOST RECENT BOOK OF POETRY IS "VIRTUOSO LITERATURE FOR TWO AND FOUR HANDS," PUBLISHED BY DOUBLEDAY IN 1975.

3. CRITIC IRVING BENIG SAID HER POETRY IS "SEARING, FRIGHTENING...TOTALLY INDIVIDUAL." "IMAGINATION, VIGOR, CLARITY AND SENSITIVITY GIVE THIS SHORT COLLECTION (GREED: PARTS III AND IV) AN IMPORTANCE RARELY FOUND IN WORKS IN PROGRESS," SAID BILL KATZ, SCHOOL OF LIBRARY SCIENCE, SUNY, ALBANY. DOUGLAS BLAZEK SAID IN A FIVE PAGE ARTICLE THAT "...SHE IS CAPABLE OF WRITING ABOUT ANYTHING...SHE GOES TO SOURCES AND IN REALIZING THEM FINDS HERSELF, MAKING IT ALL RELEVANT."

4. WAKOSKI ALSO ACTIVE IN WOMEN'S MOVEMENT AND MAY BE ABLE TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR IN AN INFORMAL MILIEU.

5. PLEASE ADVISE. KISSINGER

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